Carbondale

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City 18-year old runs for Mayor

Henry J. Loftus Jr., a student at the University of Scranton, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for mayor in the May primary. Loftus, 18, resides at 47 Salem Avenue.

Born in Carbondale, he is a 1982 graduate of Carbondale Area High School and a member of St. Rose Church. He is active in fundraising efforts of the Carbondale Pre-Teen Park, Coalbrook Playground and St. Rose Church. He is a member of the American Numismatic Association, the American Numismatic Society, the Student Voluntary Committee of the University of Scranton's Concert and Theatre Series, and the Royals' Historical Society.

In seeking the office of mayor, Loftus is motivated by a desire to improve the relationship between the city government and the people it serves. He wants the people to play an active part in city affairs. The candidate also expresses an interest in vigorously pursuing federal funds, the use of new ideas in raising city revenues, cutting waste in government, expanding and improving police service, and promoting industrial growth in the Carbondale area.

Loftus firmly believes in the revitalization of Carbondale and will attempt to improve local buildings and lands to make them an asset to the community.

The candidate said, if elected, he would work to improve community spirit, preserve local heritage and promote cultural affairs in the upper valley.